

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method for clarifying a document, comprising:  
retrieving a document including a document component having an attribute,  
wherein the attribute is explicitly specified in the document;  
displaying the document;  
loading a set of user preferences; and  
in response to activation of a clarification control, modifying the attribute to  
enhance clarify display of the document based on the set of user preferences to form a  
clarified document.
2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the  
clarified document.
3. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the document component comprises a  
background image and the step of modifying the attribute comprises removing the  
background image from the document.
4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the document component comprises a  
background color and the step of modifying the attribute comprises changing the  
background color.
5. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the document component comprises text  
and the step of modifying the attribute comprises changing a color of the text in the  
document.
- 6-10. (Canceled)
11. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
authenticating a user, wherein the step of modifying the attribute comprises  
modifying the attribute in response to the user being authenticated.

12. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of modifying the attribute comprises creating an intermediate modified document.

13. (Original): The method of claim 12, further comprising displaying the intermediate modified document.

14. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for clarifying a document, comprising:  
retrieval means for retrieving a document including a document component having an attribute, wherein the attribute is explicitly specified in the document;  
display means for displaying the document;  
loading means for loading a set of user preferences; and  
modification means for modifying, in response to activation of a clarification control, the attribute to ~~enhance~~ clarify display of the document based on the set of user preferences to form a clarified document.

15. (Original): The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the document component comprises a background image and the modification means comprises means for removing the background image from the document.

16. (Original): The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the document component comprises a background color and the modification means comprises means for changing the background color.

17. (Original): The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the document component comprises text and modification means comprises means for changing a color of the text in the document.

18-21. (Canceled)

22. (Original): The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

authentication means for authenticating a user, wherein the step of modifying the attribute comprises modifying the attribute in response to the user being authenticated.

23. (Original): The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the modification means comprises means for creating an intermediate modified document.

24. (Original): A document viewing system comprising:

a document viewer;

a selectable clarification tool; and

a controller, coupled to the document viewer and the selectable clarification tool, wherein the controller retrieves a document; wherein the clarification tool, when selected, causes the controller to modify attributes of the document to form a modified document, wherein display of text in the modified document is enhanced relative to the document; and wherein the document viewer causes the controller to display the modified document.

25. (Currently Amended): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for clarifying a document, comprising:

instructions for retrieving a document including a document component having an attribute, wherein the attribute is explicitly specified in the document;

display means for displaying the document;

loading means for loading a set of user preferences; and

instructions for modifying, in response to activation of a clarification control, the attribute to enhance clarify display of the document based on the set of user preferences.